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International Bank loan for development in the French colonies. I think it worth examining seriously. This morning, Bob Garner told me of their embarrassment over having invited Maki--Mossadeq's petroleum man--to visit the U.S. this month as the Bank's guest. Maki has notified them that when he comes he expects to attack the British. They are now inclined to cancel the invitation, but want the State Department's views on this move. I advised them to cancel, since the visit under such circumstances could only aggravate a situation which is already bad.

Tonight, we went to a attractive dinner party at the French Ambassador's and Madame Bonneau's residence. I had a talk with M. Pflimlin after dinner. He is Minister for the Overseas Possessions, and I had known him well when he was Minister of Agriculture. Other old friends were there, notably Pierre Paul Schweizer, Bloch-Lainé, and Guillaume Guindey.

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